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ESTIMATING BLACK CHARACTER
COLOR AND GROUND COLOR
ACCORDING TO CHARACTER-AREA
PIXELS CLASSIFIED INTO TWO
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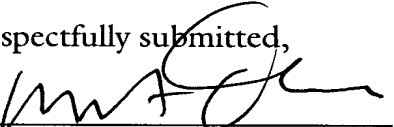
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